

Copyright Designs & Patents Act

Legal Implications

During Web Development we must consider the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act (1988)

Web developers need to consider the copyright status of the following elements of a webpage:

- Text
- Graphics
- Video
- Audio

Use of any copyrighted media must be acknowledged (stated) on the webpage

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- Text is generally specific to a website, developers can specify if it is able to be copied
- Images, Video and Audio may not be owned by the web developer. Credit for use of the multimedia must be included on the webpage
- Any relevant permission to enable the media to be used must be sought prior to it being included on the webpage, this may incur a fee

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act (1988)

Failure to comply with the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act (1998) can result in a fine and/or prosecution. This applies to:

- end-users who illegally download media (images/video/audio) without the permission of the copyright holder
- businesses who include copyrighted material on their site without permission